

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Janae E. Lehman Bell on 12-20-2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

**In the claims:**

Claim 5 was replaced with the following:

5. A composition for stimulating the immune system of an animal comprising oligonucleotides (ORNs) from bacteria, each ORN having a molecular weight less than 10kDa, and wherein said oligoribonucleotides (ORNs) occur only in microbes or at higher frequencies than in mammals, and consisting of a sequence selected from the group consisting of:
- SEQ ID NO:1 (AGAGGGUCGCACGCGGUA),
- SEQ ID NO:2 (CGUACUGCAACUCG) and
- SEQ ID NO:3 (AGGUACAGCCAGGACUACGA); and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.